



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 457**

*January Session, 2013*

House Bill No. 5602

*House of Representatives, April 11, 2013*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. JUTILA of the 37th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT EXEMPTING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER FREE COURSES TO INMATES FROM STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) An institution of higher  
2 education that enters into an agreement with the Department of  
3 Correction for an employee or agent of such institution to teach one or  
4 more for-credit courses to inmates of a correctional facility at no charge  
5 to said department or to the participating inmates shall not be  
6 considered a state contractor for the purposes of such agreement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
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**GAE** Joint Favorable

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There is no fiscal impact to the constituent units of higher education in specifying that a higher education institution that enters into an agreement with the Department of Correction (DOC) for the institution's employees or agents to teach for-credit courses to inmates at no charge to DOC or the inmates to not be considered a state contractor for the purposes of the agreement as it is procedural in nature.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5602*****AN ACT EXEMPTING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER FREE COURSES TO INMATES FROM STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill specifies that a higher education institution that enters into an agreement with the Department of Correction (DOC) for the institution's employees or agents to teach for-credit courses to inmates at no charge to DOC or the inmates is not considered a state contractor for the purposes of the agreement.

This means that, with respect to the agreement, the institution does not have to, among other things, (1) file a representation and documentation that it complies with state anti-discrimination laws; (2) permit the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) access to pertinent books, records, and accounts on its employment practices and procedures; or (3) file compliance and employment reports with CHRO.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14      Nay 0      (03/27/2013)